

Wheeler Summer Programs 2016

May 2016

May 7 11:00 am **Luzonica Birds of the World**

Luzonica will bring birds from near and far from unusual to the known, promote understanding; appreciation and conservation of all bird species. Erin Koski Director of Luzonica

Donations are adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free

May 14 11:00 **Into the Wild (Naturalists)**

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Alexa Hohensee LPFA Member

Fee for both youth and adult is \$3.00 to cover cost of materials

May 21 11:00 am **All about Our Local Critters**

A discovery program designed for a young audience and those young at heart. Learn about animals and what they leave behind. Listen and learn about the sounds that a fox, bobcat, and other animals make. Make and take home plaster cast of a paw print.

Gordie Hemphill Pres. LPFA Ojai Chapter and scouter

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May 28 11:00 am **Nature Walk with Julie Tumamait**

See and learn to identify the plants found in the Wheeler Gorge Campground. Chumash Elder Julie Tumamait will teach you about how plants are used for food, medicines, ceremonies and games.

Julie Tumamait – Chumash Elder

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June 2016

June 4 10:30 am **Hiking: Be Prepared**

Practical hiking tips backed by over 20 years of hiking experience. These tips will help to keep you safe while on the trails, and what to look for on the trails. Whether you are a season hiker or new to the trails you will benefit from the knowledge gained.

Dr. James R Caballero

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June 11 11:00 am **Humane Society Surprise Program**

This first presentation what will it be? Could it that pesky cat/dog or maybe that cockroach? This lady is full of surprises with critters from the Humane Society that she has rescued.

Dawn Reily, Education Department Ventura County Humane Society

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June 18 11:00 am **Volcanoes in Story and Science**

Learn from our gifted storyteller Richard Wade, scientist, artist and educator, the science of how volcanoes erupt and grow. He will also entertain children and adults with legends and lore. Volunteers make a model volcano erupt! Get a free piece of lava.

Richard Wade – Scientist, artist and educator

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June 18 1:00 pm **Earth Rocks (Geology)**

Discover how volcanoes, mountains, caves and geysers are formed. Learn how rocks and minerals are used in metal, glass, jewelry, and in building homes. Make a Moh's scale of hardness kit. Start a rock and mineral kit.

Reservations required*

Mike Havstad Curator Wheeler Gorge Visitor Center

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June 25, 11:00 am **Trees are Treemendous (Required for Scouts)**

Discover the native and non-native trees that live in Wheeler Gorge on this short and very educational walk led by Los Padres National Forest Botanist Lloyd Simpson. The walk begins at the center and continues into the campground.

Lloyd Simpson – Forest Botanist Los Padres National Forest

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June 25 1:00 pm **Into the Woods (Forester)**

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July 2016

July 2 11:00 am **Southwestern Herpetological**

Southwestern Herpetological Society, will present live and impressive lizards and snakes and give advice on which reptile to pick as a pet.

Southwestern Herpetological Society

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July 9 10:30 am **REI takes the Mystery out of . . .**

REI will take the mystery out of Backpacking in CA's Central Coast as we share our knowledge on how to enjoy this activity with your family. REI will cover backpacking essentials, including choosing a pack or child carrier; selecting proper clothing and the right footwear; and food solutions for different age groups. No experience necessary.

REI Specialists

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July 23 10:30 am

Last Days of the Dinosaurs

Richard Wade, scientist, artist and educator will present a hands-on, fun-filled presentation about how dinosaurs lived and died, even the sounds they made. Hold a real meteorite and replicas of fossils. Appropriate for all ages.

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July 30 11:00 am

Bats You Never Imagined

Ranger Kris presents the amazing world of bats; in sizes, shapes, features and colors you've never imagined. Meet her pet bat and see her magical slide show with the vampire bats and many others.

Kris Mashburn – California State Parks

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August 2016

Aug 6 11:00 am

Wonderful World of Bees

Scientists estimate that one third of the world's food crops and four-fifths of its flowering plants depend on some form of insect pollination, mainly by bees. Yet honeybees are native bees around the globe are declining in numbers. Discover the fascinating world of bees and its impact on the eco system.

Anna D Howell, Entomologists

MS. in Entomology from University of California

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Aug 13 11:00am

Sea Birds; Masters of Wind and Waves

Wildlife photography is a real challenge. Understanding sea birds species will further inspire us to appreciate and protect our natural world. Presented by conservationist, photographer and world traveler Dr. Larry Wan

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Sept 2016

Sept 3, 11:00am **Saving the California Condors**

What issues face this most endangered species and can they truly be returned to the wild to live on their own? A presentation and items displayed by members of the Friends of the California Condor Free and Wild.

Vince Gerwe/Bill Friends of the California Condor

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Sept 10 11:00 am **Rescuing Ocean Animals**

Wildlife rescuer Ron Barrett, with the Channel Island Marine and Wildlife Institute, will present information and insights on sea lions, seals, otters and other animals found sick or injured. What you should do and not do when you find an animal stranded on the beach.

Ron Barrett Channel Islands Marine and Wildlife Institute

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Sept 17 11:00 am **Amazing World of Bears**

Kelley Swedlow, Wheeler Gorge Docent, will present information about our brown and black bears, and the many other types of bears found around the world.

Kelly Swedlow Wheeler Gorge Docent

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Sept 24 11:00 am **Storytelling of the Chumash**

Julie is an amazing and engaging storyteller. She will share stories of death and resurrection, stories still alive today with lessons reinforced by a look in the night skies or a walk in the wilderness. Particular sharing will be *The Story of Anucwa*

and *The Boys Who Turned to Geese*. Hear stories of Woodpecker, Blue jay, Coyote and Others. Learn to look at plants and stones in a different ways.

Julie Tumamait – Chumash Elder

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